

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
October 23, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30- am



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

***Hymn:**

Gather Us In

#532

***Greeting:**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

***A Litany of Telling and Sharing**

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** Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

Leader: Most Precious Savior, you claim us as your own,
All: but too often we forget that we are yours.

Leader: You call us to many tasks,
All: but too often we neglect that which you ask of us.

Leader: You created us and gifted us with your marvelous story,
All: but too often we keep the story and fail to share it.

Leader: You shower us with the many gifts of your grace,
All: but too often we take the gifts for granted and keep them as if they were our own.

Leader: You send us to share the good news of the gospel with others,
All: but too often we do not speak it, afraid or embarrassed to bear witness.

Leader: You gave us gifts and graces beyond measure,
All: but too often we fail to live in grateful praise for the gifts we are given.

Leader: You challenge us to be the bearers of your good gifts to all,
All: but too often we fail to live gracefully and gratefully as we share.

Leader: Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of doing, our lack of giving, and our lack of trust. Guide us to live and act out of the love you have so generously given us. Make this community of faith a place in which we are nurtured and supported in the faith and encouraged to live gracefully and gratefully.

All: Remind us of our calling to share many gifts you give, to proclaim the gospel in word and deed; to move gratefully and graciously in the world, to give freely from that which each has been given; to live lives of worship, praise, thanksgiving, and honor for the gift of life and salvation given to us in Christ. Amen.

***Glory to God in the highest** **page 185**

***Prayer of the Day**

Reading: Psalm 145 **Page 506 in the black pew Bible**

A Time of Sharing

Reading: Philippians 4.10-13 **Page 955 in black pew Bible**

***Gospel Acclamation** **page 188**

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14 **Page 853 in black pew Bible**

Sermon: Pastor Libby Howe

Invitation to Grateful, Grace-filled Living

Pastor: Lord of Life,

All: Thank you for the gifts of the story of your salvation in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the gift of your love and the love of others; make us those who gladly share that love. Thank you for life and the gracious gifts that fill our lives; make us those who gladly go and share your gifts.

Pastor: Most Gracious God,

All: Of all that you have given us, the greatest is the gift of Christ. In grace through Christ, we have been saved. We cannot earn or be worthy of such a gift. Forgive the many times we have not lived graciously and gratefully: when life's challenges blinded us to your many gifts; when worldly concerns overshadowed our commitments to you; when doubts threatened and faith faltered.

Pastor: Eternal God,

All: We thank and praise you for all the gifts you have given. Let our lives reflect your love; let our actions reflect that we are yours; let our words speak your love to others. With joyful thanksgiving we commit to living in generosity and selflessness, knowing that our true treasure is in the gift of Christ and life in the world to come. We commit in this time and place, as individuals and as a community, to being generous, joyful stewards of all that you have given us. For truly, thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #631

***Procession with Faith Response**

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Prayers:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #752

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.*
Proverbs 16:8

Offertory: *We are an offering* #692

***Great Thanksgiving** page 190

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***You Are Holy** #525

***Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion *During Communion: #491, 462, 479*

***Prayer after Communion**

***Blessing**

***Hymn:** *For the Fruit of All Creation* #679

***Sending:**

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00	Weekly Giving for October 16 - \$6482.61
Simply Giving 10/16 -10/22 - \$4080.50	Total Weekly Giving – \$10,563.11
Attendance for Sunday, October 16	8:15 - 119 10:30 - 85